Capital investment in business houses

†1182. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ascertained the capital investment made in the business houses relating to Information Technology during the last few years;

(b) if so, what was the capital investment in such business houses as on 31st March, 1999, 2000 and 2001 respectively; and

(c) the annual dividend rate on the capital investment during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) No such assessment has been made by the Government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Reduction in STD, ISD rates

1183. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the sad plight of the PCO operators, due to steep reduction in STD/ISD rates and proliferation of mobile phones and Virtual Calling Cards;

(b) whether it is also a fact that most of the PCO operators take out a living solely by the commission earned from PCO operation as their earnings have declined;

(c) whether the Federation of PCO operators in the country has represented for plight of its members and sought

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